# 2025 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships Team Manitoba Identification Camp FAQ

## What are the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC)?

The National Aboriginal Hockey Championship (NAHC) is an annual event that provides a forum for elite Indigenous hockey players throughout Canada. Team Manitoba is represented by two provincial teams, one male and one female which are both comprised of the U18 athletes from across Manitoba.

The event aids in fostering cultural unity and pride and celebrates the athletic abilities of Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) athletes from across the country. This is great exposure for players to be evaluated by scouts from Canada and the USA, and it gives the participants new skills and experiences that will take them further in hockey, and in life.

## When and where are the 2025 NAHC taking place?

The 2025 NAHC will take place in May 2025, in Kamloops, British Columbia.

## How long is the competition, and what does that look like?

The competition takes place over a week. Athletes are required to room together, stay with the team for all meals and events, and will travel to and from the Championships as a team.

## When & where is the 2025 NAHC Team Manitoba Identification Camp?

The 2025 NAHC Team Manitoba Identification Camp is August 10 & 11, 2024 at Seven Oaks Arena (745 Kingsbury Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2V 3H9). Schedules will be sent out the week before the camp to parents & guardians via email.

## I can't attend the camp, is scouting available?

No, this year players must attend the identification camp to be evaluated.

## How long are the tryouts?

Athletes can expect to be on the ice for an hour at a time, multiple times a day, each day of the ID camp. Athletes should plan to be there for the duration of the camp.

## Who is eligible to try out?

- 1. Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, & Inuit) athletes with recognized documentation of Indigenous Status (full description below).
- 2. Athletes that are permanent residents of Manitoba.
- 3. Female athletes: Born between the years of 2007-2011 and playing A-AAA, High school, or prep.
- 4. Male athletes: born between the years of 2007-2011 and playing Jr. A, Jr. B, AA-AAA, High school, MMJHL, or prep.

## What is recognized documentation?

Recognized documentation must be current/ not expired, and includes the following:

- 1. **Recognized Provincial Métis Citizenship Card** from the following list: Métis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Métis Federation, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of Alberta, or Métis Nation of British Columbia;
- 2. Certificate of Indian Status Card:
- 3. Territories Health Card or Nunavut Card.

For examples of accepted documentation, please go to Appendix A.

What if my Certificate of Indian Status is expired, or I am waiting on confirmation of Indian Status/Métis Citizenship, or I am Non-Status First Nations?

- 1. If the athlete does not have such proof, a parent/grandparent's card accompanied by a certified ancestry form must be attached.
- 2. If the player and/or coach is considered a Non-Status Indian, a detailed ancestry form must be completed to prove Indigenous ancestry.
- 3. The ancestry form will document their lines of descent. It will be authenticated and endorsed by the parent(s) or guardian(s), Head Coach, and the Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Body (PTASB), before being approved by the ASC & the ASCHC.
- 4. Forms can be requested from Robyn Cruz (<a href="mailto:robyn.cruz@masrc.com">robyn.cruz@masrc.com</a>) and must be submitted and approved prior to the ID camp.

## I am having trouble uploading my documents.

If you are having trouble uploading your documents, please email them to <u>robyn.cruz@masrc.com</u> by August 4, 2024.

## How do I sign-up for the ID Camp?

Visit **www.masrc.com/nahc** and complete the online registration form. Athletes must provide their documentation of Indigenous status and full-form birth certificates when registering and will not be allowed to tryout without either.

#### How will I find out if I am selected?

Selected athletes will be invited via letter or email by November 30, 2024, to our Top 40 Camp in late December 2024. Athletes that are not selected will be informed either by letter or email by the same date, November 30, 2024.

#### What do the team fees look like if I am selected?

Athletes are responsible for their own team fees. Team fees vary greatly depending on the year due to travel, and payments will start being due after the team is announced in January 2025.

## I registered, now what?

Confirmation emails will be sent out within the week of the camp date. Schedules will be sent out that week as well.

## What is the registration fee to try out?

The registration fee to try out is \$150.00.

## If I can't attend the camp, can I request a refund?

Please refer to our Cancellation and Refund Policy below. We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, and we aim to provide a fair and transparent cancellation policy for our participants.

- 1. Cancellation Period:
  - a. You have the flexibility to cancel your participation in the ID camp up until August 4, 2024 at 4:30PM (1 week before the ID camp). If you decide to cancel within this timeframe, you will be eligible for a 100% refund of your payment.
- 2. Refund Terms:
  - a. Cancellations made before August 4, 2024 (1 week before the ID camp) at 4:30PM will receive a full refund.
  - b. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after August 4, 2024 at 4:30PM.
- 3. Exceptions:
  - a. In the event of unforeseen and extenuating circumstances, exceptions to the cancellation policy may be considered. Please contact Robyn Cruz at 204-925-5941 or at robyn.cruz@masrc.com as soon as possible in such cases, and we will assess your situation individually.
- 4. Communication:
  - a. All cancellation requests must be communicated to us by email at robyn.cruz@masrc.com or by phone at 204-925-5941.
  - b. The cancellation date will be determined based on the time stamp of the communication.
- 5. No-Shows:
  - Failing to attend the ID camp without notice may result in a 6-month temporary suspension from any MASRC programs. Refunds will not be given for no-shows.

#### Questions?

Contact Robyn Cruz, Major Games Manager, at 204-925-5737, or at <a href="mailto:robyn.cruz@masrc.com">robyn.cruz@masrc.com</a>.

## Appendix A

## **Accepted Ancestry Documents**



